STATEMENT OF RICHARD C. BREUNICH, Teaneck, New Jersey (Page One

Richard C. Breunich, I am Tpr. John H. Burns #1318 and this is Tpr. Roger Gibbins, #1705 both members of the New Jersey State Police stationed at Newfoundland Station. It is our duty to ask you these questions regarding the circumstances surrounding your apprehension at the Cherry Hill Rifle Range in Vernon Township, Sussex County, N.J. on October 5, 1963 at 10:45 PM. Also about the circumstances surrounding the damage which occurred at the same location during the Christmas Holidays in 1962. Do you Richard C. Breunich voluntarily desire to make a statement regarding this matter of your own free will and accord without any threats having been made to you, and without fear, intimidation or promise of reward, immunity or leniency and without having been mistreated by me or any other person present, fully realizing that the same may be used in the event of a criminal prosecution against you?
Ans. Yes

Q. What is your full name and address?
A. Richard Charles Breunich, 931 Rod Road, Teaneck, New Jersey.

Q. Where and when were you born?
A. Newton, N.J. on August 8, 1941.

Q. Are you married or single?
A. Single

Q. What is your present occupation?
A. I'M a student at Fairleigh Dickinson University, also I work part time at Food Fair Super Market, Teaneck Road, Teaneck, N.J.
Q. Can you read and write the English language?
A. Yes Sir.

Q. On the night of October 5, 1963 when you were at the Cherry Hill Rifle range will you tell me in your own words what transpired?
A. We gothere about sunset on Saturday, and set up our camp. I was with Robert Young and his brother Bruce Young. We started shooting after da rk and I was re-loading my .38 pistol when the Game Wardens came back. They both searched us and our equipment and then they told us to wait by the fire until the State Police came. Then Tpr. Burns and Gibbins arrived and they took the .38 pistols and then when we left the range and approached the main road they stopped us again and showed us a copy of the Federal Firearms Act and told us to stop at the station to leave the 20MM Lahti Anti-tank Rifle at Newfoundland Station which was done. The next day we went back and left the 20 MM ammunition that we forgot to leave off the night before.

Q. Richard will you tell us who was with you and what occurred at the same rifle range during the 1962 Christmas vacation period when you were there?
A. About Wednesday, December 26, 1962 I went up to the Range with Walter and Allen both probably from New Milford, N.J. I met them at the store where I work. There was snow on the ground and we had a hard time getting up to the range. We went to the large bore range and set up our guns. We arrived about 1 PM and left about 4 P.M. We shot the guns on the range until we were ready to leave. Before leaving I shot three 20 MM shells into the building where the trailer was stored. The first one missed and the other two hit the trailer.

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Q. Did you fire any tracer ammunition while you were there at that time?
A. [illegible] Sir I fired 12 rounds of 223 Remington Ammunition which are tracers, from the range to the backstop 200 yards.

Q. Were you a member of any rifle club at the time of this incident?
A. Yes Sir, I'm a member of the Cherry Ridge Rifle Range. I didn't renew my membership for 1963.

Q. Did you or any of your associates set off any explosive device at the Cherry Ridge Range while you were there?
A. Last December we didn't set off any thing but other than small firecrackers. This October we didn't set off any big explosive but salutes and cherry bombs.

Q. When you leave home how do you travel to Cherry Ridge Range?
A. I usually go with someone else because I don't own a car. We go up Rt. 17, to Rt. 206 at Mountainview Circle then north on Route 23.

Q. Do you frequent any other rifle ranges?
A. Yes Sir, but I did go to Mountain Rest Rifle Range, West Milford, N.J. about three years ago.
Q. Did you cause any damage at Mountain Rest Range at any time?
A. I didn't cause any damage at Mountain Rest Range at anytime.

Q. In our conversation you stated something about setting off a steam type cylinder. Will you tell us who exploded it and what it was?
A. Larry Young had a steam cylinder(about six inches)made of steel. I drilled up the cylinder with black powder about half full and I put a fuse in it. Dennis took it and put it in a small chest near the pistol range. Lit the fuse and returned to us and it went off.

Q. Did you at any other time have in your possession any type of explosive devices other than firecrackers?
A. It is customs to open up at Cherry Ridge Range, about the 3rd or 4th week in July and we set off the regular homemade firework display pieces. We make them with black powder and firecrackers.

Q. Did anyone ever take a homemade black powder explosive device away from you or your friends?
A. No, never.

Q. Did you see any damage to the building and the target which was painted [illegible] before you fired the 20 MM anti-tank weapon and who caused it?
A. I don't know who caused that damage but it appeared to be a bullet of small caliber holes in the side of the building and the target itself.

Q. Did anyone from the Cherry Ridge Range approach you about having any of these explosive devices in your possession, namely Mr. Kastner or Mr. Hausman?
A. Prior to October 6, 1963 no one approached me about them.

Q. After reading this statement consisting of two typewritten pages will you sign this as a true and voluntary statement to the best of your knowledge?
A. Yes, sir.

Witnessed by John H. Burns
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Signed R. C. Brunell